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SUBJECT: THREE FORMER NATIONAL GUARD OFFICERS SENTENCED IN  
ABSENTIA

1. ACCORDING TO NOVEMBER 21 EDITION OF GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER, THE PANAMA AMERICAN, THREE FORMER NATIONAL GUARD OFFICERS---COL. RAMIRO SILVERA, LT. COL. AMADO SANJUR AND LT. COL. LUIS NENZEN FRANCO--HAVE BEEN SENTENCED IN ABSENTIA BY PANAMA'S EIGHTH CIRCUIT COURT TO ONE YEAR PRISON TERMS ON CHARGES OF EVADING JUSTICE. ALL THREE FORMER OFFICERS WERE INVOLVED IN THE ABORTIVE DECEMBER 1969 ATTEMPT TO OUST TORRIJOS.

2. IN HANDING DOWN THE SENTENCES, JUDGE PROSPERO MELENDEZ IS REPORTED TO HAVE CALLED ON THE PUBLIC TO CO-OPERATE IN THE CAPTURE OF THE THREE AND WARNED THAT ANYONE KNOWING THEIR WHEREABOUTS AND FAILING TO INFORM THE AUTHORITIES WOULD BE SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION AS AN ACCOMPLICE.

3. COMMENT: SENTENCING OF SILVERA, SANJUR AND NENZEN FRANCO RAISES THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE GOP MIGHT NOW SEEK THEIR EXTRA-DITION.

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